



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/896,723

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Applicant: Thomas A. HOCH et al.

Group Art Unit: 2663

Examiner: Min Jung

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PACKET-BASED  
SWITCHING

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July 13, 2005

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.111**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 17, 2005 ("Office Action"), the due date having been extended one (1) month to July 17, 2005, and respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.